

ESSB 5121 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.68 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The aviation division of the department of transportation shall
6 conduct a statewide airport capacity and facilities assessment. The
7 assessment must include a statewide analysis of existing airport
8 facilities, and passenger and air cargo transportation capacity,
9 regarding both commercial aviation and general aviation; however, the
10 primary focus of the assessment must be on commercial aviation. The
11 assessment must at a minimum address the following issues:

12 (a) Existing airport facilities, both commercial and general
13 aviation, including air side, land side, and airport service
14 facilities;

15 (b) Existing air and airport capacity, including the number of
16 annual passengers and air cargo operations;

17 (c) Existing airport services, including fixed based operator
18 services, fuel services, and ground services;

19 (d) Existing airspace capacity; and

20 (e) The potential for using high-speed passenger transportation
21 facilities, including, but not limited to, light rail, heavy rail, or
22 magnetic levitation transportation to connect airports and how that
23 would affect airport capacity.

24 (2) The department shall consider existing information, technical
25 analyses, and other research the department deems appropriate. The
26 department may contract and consult with private independent
27 professional and technical experts regarding the assessment.

28 (3) The department shall submit the assessment to the appropriate
29 standing committees of the legislature, the governor, the

1 transportation commission, and regional transportation planning
2 organizations by July 1, 2006.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.68 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) After submitting the assessment under section 1 of this act,
6 the aviation division of the department of transportation shall conduct
7 a statewide airport capacity and facilities market analysis. The
8 analysis must include a statewide needs analysis of airport facilities,
9 passenger and air cargo transportation capacity, and demand and
10 forecast market needs over the next twenty-five years with a more
11 detailed analysis of the Puget Sound, southwest Washington, Spokane,
12 and Tri-Cities regions. The analysis must address the forecasted needs
13 of both commercial aviation and general aviation; however, the primary
14 focus of the analysis must be on commercial aviation. The analysis
15 must at a minimum address the following issues:

16 (a) A forecast of future airport facility needs based on passenger
17 and air cargo operations and demand, airline planning, and a
18 determination of aviation trends, demographic, geographic, and market
19 factors that may affect future air travel demand;

20 (b) A determination of when the state's existing commercial service
21 airports will reach their capacity;

22 (c) The factors that may affect future air travel, including the
23 potential for high-speed passenger transportation facilities to connect
24 airports, and when capacity may be reached and in which location;

25 (d) A complete evaluation of surface transportation options to more
26 efficiently transport passengers to and from airports including use of
27 mass transit;

28 (e) Forecasted use of airport capacity outside the state including
29 airports in Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, British Columbia;

30 (f) Identification of all factors to be considered in completing an
31 economic cost-benefit analysis for all communities potentially impacted
32 by airport activities that may be recommended by the aviation planning
33 council created in section 3 of this act. The factors must include,
34 but not be limited to, impacts on surface transportation, job mix,
35 property values, tax base, quality of life, social services, health,
36 and education;

1 (g) The role of the state, metropolitan planning organizations,
2 regional transportation planning organizations, the federal aviation
3 administration, and airport sponsors in addressing statewide airport
4 facilities and capacity needs; and

5 (h) Whether the state, metropolitan planning organizations,
6 regional transportation planning organizations, the federal aviation
7 administration, or airport sponsors have identified options for
8 addressing long-range capacity needs at airports, or in regions, that
9 will reach capacity before the year 2030.

10 (2) The department shall consider existing information, technical
11 analyses, and other research the department deems appropriate. The
12 department may contract and consult with private independent
13 professional and technical experts regarding the analysis.

14 (3) The department shall submit the analysis to the appropriate
15 standing committees of the legislature, the governor, the
16 transportation commission, and regional transportation planning
17 organizations by July 1, 2007.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.68 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) Upon completion of both the statewide assessment and analysis
21 required under sections 1 and 2 of this act, and to the extent funds
22 are appropriated to the department for this purpose, the governor shall
23 appoint an aviation planning council to consist of the following
24 members: (a) The director of the aviation division of the department
25 of transportation, or a designee; (b) the director of the department of
26 community, trade, and economic development, or a designee; (c) a member
27 of the transportation commission, who shall be the chair of the
28 council; (d) two members of the general public with special knowledge
29 or background in airport issues; (e) two members of the general public,
30 local communities, or nonprofit organizations, representing concerns
31 over the adverse impact of airport activities; (f) an economist
32 knowledgeable in local impacts associated with airport activities; (g)
33 a technical expert familiar with federal aviation administration
34 airspace and control issues; (h) a commercial airport operator; (i) a
35 member of a growth management hearings board; (j) a representative of
36 the Washington airport management association; (k) an airline
37 representative; and (l) an expert in high-speed transportation systems.

1 The chair of the council may designate another councilmember to serve
2 as the acting chair in the absence of the chair. The department of
3 transportation shall provide all administrative and staff support for
4 the council.

5 (2) The purpose of the council is to make recommendations, based on
6 the findings of the assessment and analysis completed under sections 1
7 and 2 of this act, regarding how best to meet the statewide commercial
8 and general aviation capacity needs, as determined by the council. The
9 council shall determine which regions of the state are in need of
10 improvement regarding the matching of existing, or projected, airport
11 facilities, and the long-range capacity needs at airports within the
12 region expected to reach capacity before the year 2030. In determining
13 these areas, the council shall document the information and rationale
14 involved ensuring that all relevant information was considered
15 including, but not limited to, capacity and needs assessments and the
16 economic cost-benefit analysis associated with any expanded or new
17 airport facilities recommended by the council. The council shall
18 include input from potentially affected communities in making final
19 recommendations.

20 (3) The council shall submit its recommendations to the appropriate
21 standing committees of the legislature, the governor, the
22 transportation commission, and applicable regional transportation
23 planning organizations.

24 (4) This section expires July 1, 2009.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
26 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
27 June 30, 2005, in the omnibus transportation appropriations act, this
28 act is null and void."

29 Correct the title.

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